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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Destructive forest fires have been raging in several counties in Colorado for several days. It has been reported through the press despatches that in some places the very ground was burning up, and some of the parties have lost their lives in a race for lakes.

Villages have been burned and important towns have been greatly endangered.

North Carolina can be counted on for almost anything good. It has been given out by good authority that the best grades of paper produced in the United States are now made from the poplar of North Carolina and Virginia. When the railroad facilities shall be such as to touch all sections of North Carolina, the swamps in the east and the mountains in the west, there will be a possibility of utilizing many things which have not yet been reckoned amongst our State's great resources.

We ought to be as observant of good deeds near home as of those at a distance. The Dunn Union tells how Miss Clyde, the daughter of Mr. D. Matthews, of Harnett county, set on foot a plan for relief to the poor in her community. She succeeded in getting the members of Neill's Creek Baptist church to come together for that purpose. A neat little sum of money was raised, besides quantities of provisions. The little girl who started the work is fourteen years old; and the pleasant duty of distributing the alms so gathered was assigned to her. It is a beautiful example and older ones all through the land will do well to follow her lead.

The New York Journal is credited to the Saturday Evening Post with the following description of the smallest book in the world: It is precisely five-eighths of an inch long, seven-sixteenths of an inch wide and three-eighths of an inch thick, and contains 205 pages of the finest type imaginable.

The point of a pin would cover a letter, and a magnifying glass is necessary for anything like reading. Charles Scribner's Sons have a copy of this wonderful little volume, which is kept in an envelope in the safe to insure its safe keeping. It was printed in Padua, Italy, in 1896, and is a reprint of an Italian article on Galileo, printed originally in 1659. It is only a curiosity, but as such it outdoes all previous attempts at making small books, "thumb books" as they are called, for they are no larger than your thumb.

The Saturday Evening Post gives the following facts about the last shots of the war:

"The 114-days' war was ended by the protocol for peace while important operations were in progress in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. In Cuba our war-ships had bombarded Manzanillo all day and part of a night, and were about to resume firing in the morning when news of the protocol reached the American commander. In Porto Rico, General Miles' plan for investing San Juan from four different points on the land side was working successfully, and General Wilson, at Coamo, had just demanded the surrender of Alibonito, after having shelled the enemy at Asomanta, nearby, when the order to cease hostile operations was received. At Manila, Admiral Dewey and General Merritt, ignorant of the peace negotiations in Washington, forced the surrender of the city unconditionally by a vigorous bombardment by the fleet the day after the proclamation of the protocol. The really great events of the war thus began and ended before the Philippine capital."

Our little boy was afflicted with rheumatism in his knee; and at times unable to put his foot to the floor. We tried in vain, everything we could hear of that we thought would help him. We almost gave up in despair, when some one advised us to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We did so, and the first bottle gave so much relief that we got a second one, and, to our surprise, it cured him sound and well.—J. T. BATES, Pastor Christian Church, Neodesha, Kan. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

A LESSON FROM THE ASSASSIN.

TO RAISE OTHERS IS TO RAISE OURSELVES.

Present-Day Thoughts.

By G. Greaveson Dawe.

(Written for The Commonwealth)
As to Anarchy.—An unwholesome ditch is not purified by simply curing the diseases that arise from it. No matter whose dead and honored hands dug it, its obstructions must be removed until only a harmless stream flows through. But this is no talk about hygiene. The ditch represents certain social conditions, and a number of European powers figure as doctors who deal with the sick, but shrink from the impure source.

A short time since the Empress of Austria, one time a pleasure-loving, fox-hunting woman, but later with enough of sorrow in her life to make her seem one with us, suddenly went out in the darkness of assassination. We all shuddered at the tragedy, not solely because she was an Empress but because she was also a benevolent woman. Further than that, our hearts dumbly protested when we learned that the murdered had neither been wronged by her nor anyone near her.

Luchessi, insane with social hatred, simply struck at her because she represented to him a system of civilization that gives nothing to one and everything to another. He himself is a symptom of poison in the social ditch. Out of what slime then was this evil hand thrust forth to kill? As heedlessly as animals his parents gave him being, and as heartlessly as only the human animal can do his mother flung him out to live or to die. Unfortunately he lived and an institution robbed him until ten of every semblance of home. Thrust out at that ridiculous age to shift for himself, money and its power became to his infant soul one god above all, worshipful forever. Then came a young manhood of unskilled labor, with frequent starvation pinches. Then the army, where without parentage to boast of there was nothing for him but the drudgery of exasperating discipline. Then a valet, actually in contact with wealth though unable to rise and take of its pleasures. Gradually his soul's protests against fate soured utterly, his intellect became a slave instead of a master, and at one fell stroke the unknown evil of the ditch which society must cleanse sooner or later, became a power. His name will be remembered as long as that of the stricken and afflicted woman whom he hurried to the tomb of the Hapsburgs.

The European powers are aroused and a number of poor misguided creatures like him will probably be put out of harm's way in the next few weeks. These learned governmental pundits find it easy to kill and thus cure patients, but they are neither wise nor progressive enough to try prevention. We may call Luchessi a fool; because one or a dozen murdered monarchs would make no change in social conditions except that the way would be harder for the poor and downtrodden. He and his like are wrong in expecting society to quiver and shrink and dissolve because of a hundred murders. It will go man-hunting relentlessly. But if he is a fool, what shall be said of rulers that hope to cure anarchy by killing anarchists? They are only combating symptoms and still neglecting the ditch of social wrongs that first began to be dug back in dark ages, when lords knew little and serfs knew less. Unhesitatingly we can declare Luchessi's method to have been wrong. But it is a wrong that grew out of a wrong; and if it be fair to condemn him; it is right to condemn the conditions that made him a brute.

Should all the sympathy be given to the royal mourners? You can answer "No" without a hair's breadth becoming mawkish in your sentiment. And the more you have known of defeat in your plans of industry rewarded by idleness, because of conditions over which you have no control, of the steady dangling before your eyes

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of the one skeleton in your life that society refuses to forget, so much more will your sympathies be divided between the Empress and the bastard.

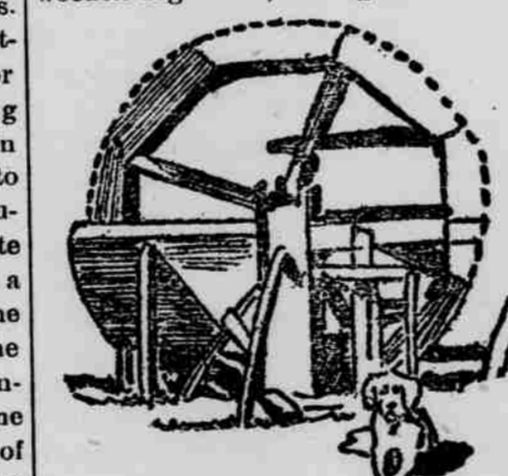
So long as privileges are inherited instead of won by merit; so long as the beauty and joy and helpfulness of our later civilization are denied to one and given to another for no reason except birth; so long as perfectly proper human aspirations to eat and live and be decent are crushed out beneath a social tyranny that arrogates the power of God and says to the rising desires of the human heart, "Thus far and no farther;" just so long will Europe have to deal with the anarchistic miasma that rises for blind slaughter; for, to the misguided, government will seem to mean that the interests of the many are subordinated to the advantage of the few.

So long as illegitimate endure life-long smirching at the hands of mud-flinging purists whose thoughts at least are conceived in iniquity; so long as the children of the poor receive education that only shows the hardness of their lot and still leaves them unfit to grapple with it; so long as men can be dragged from labor that pays to the misery and inutility of enforced army service, conscious all the time that their blood and their brains are simply being used to bolster up the ambitions of lordly chancellors on top; just so long will there be the anarchistic spirit; for custom and law will seem to some poor souls simply devised to make life unendurable and any change enjoyable even though it lead to the grave.

Such an episode stretches over the social barriers of a thousand years, and proclaims in tones, insistent and solemn, that the lowest can reach up to the highest to do damage. And its lesson is that the highest in raising the lowliest to better more wholesome conditions, raise themselves also and render life sweeter and safer for all. Further than this, the lesson is not for Europe alone, but for America also, and not for our neighbors alone but for the one who reads this as well as for the one who writes.

Bow-Wows Do The Work.

Phil. Record.
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In Memory of Bismarck.

Selected.
Bismarck, the great German Chancellor, died as he had lived, amid simple surroundings. His bedroom at Friedrichsruh, in which he died, was furnished with almost severe austerity. Beyond a simple walnut bedstead, a night-table, a couple of common chairs and two bookshelves there was no furniture in the room until the last few months of the Prince's illness, when a comfortable settee was placed into the room, because he was tired of lying in bed all the time. At the left of the bed over a small stand there is a picture of Schonhausen, his birthplace and above that a photograph of Tyras his favorite dog. At the right similarly hung, are the castle of Varzin and above it his favorite saddle-horse. Over the bookshelf by the side wall hangs the portrait of his Imperial master William I, which the Emperor gave him upon his 70th birthday anniversary. On the whole the room looked more like the humble apartment of a student than that of a wealthy and famous statesman. On the table next to the bed the pipe still rests, which he enjoyed but a few hours before his sudden collapse, from which he never recovered until the end. The room will be kept forever in the exact condition it was at the moment of the late Prince's death, Prince Herbert Bismarck having given strict orders to that effect.

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Nor does the wind toss knightly plumes,
Nor silken tents unfold,
And yet in autumn it becomes
The field of the cloth of gold.

For when the haze of summer days
Has melted from the skies
And we, without reproof, may gaze
Up into heaven's eyes,
A host their plumes and banners shake
In joust with breezes bold,
And goldenrod's bright champions make
The field of the cloth of gold.

The butterflies with blazoned wings
Are heralds for the fight,
And many a lovely lady flings
Her token to her knight.

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Summer and autumn royally meet
On the field of the cloth of gold.

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Some Remarkable Facts About the Longevity of Hebrews.

Selected.
Probably few persons outside statistical circles are aware of the fact that the Jews are considerably longer-lived than any other civilized race.

Of 100,000 Hebrews born on the same day, there will be 50,684 males and 49,316 females. The end of the first year the 100,000 Jewish infants will have established in a most remarkable way their superiority in point of vitality, for only 8091 will have died, as compared with 14,192 in the English experience and 16,706 American.

Striking as this difference is, it will be found to be practically maintained throughout the later stages of life. At the end of five years only 13,844 Jewish children out of the 100,000 will have died, while out of a similar number of English children 34,679 will have joined the great majority, and America will still keep her bad preeminence with 26,912 angels.

Making a leap to middle age, the deaths at 50 years of age will have been 26,519 Jews, as compared with 49,079 English, and age 65 the mortality returns will stand at 37,412 and 67,110 respectively.

But the full force of the comparison is hardly seen until the point of extreme old age is reached. At 85 years no fewer than 25,135 of our 100,000 Jews will still be living, while the survivors of the English Band will be a meagre 5,566.

Besides the curious reversal of the usual proportion of males and females, there is another unique feature in the Jewish statistics. The general experience is that the average duration of life is higher with the female than with the male. The opposite is the case with the Jews. Of the 25,135 Jewish survivors at the age of 85 there will be 16,225 men and only 8,910 women—a percentage of 64.60 males and 35.40 females. The English experience shows that at that age 59.60 per cent. of the survivors will be females and 40.10 males.

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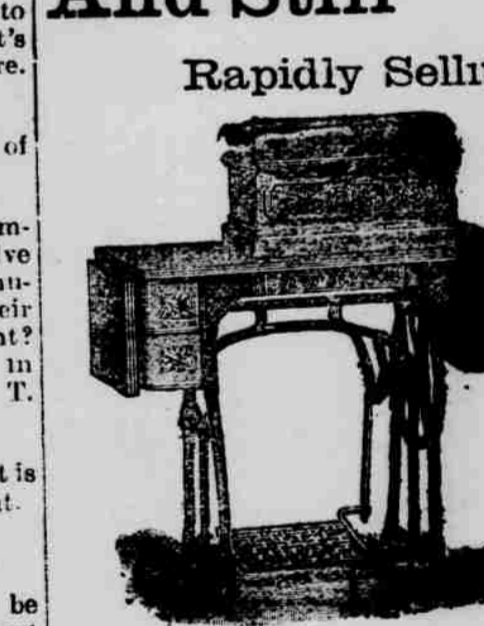
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